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His Honour George Johnson
Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba
235 Legislative Building
Winnipeg, Manitoba

May It Please Your Honour:

I have the privilege to present for your information the Annual Report of The Surface Rights Board of Manitoba for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1989.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Penner

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The Honourable Jack Penner
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Sir:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15 of the Surface Rights Act, the Board is pleased to submit its annual report for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1989.

Yours truly,

R.T. Smith
Presiding Member

THE SURFACE RIGHTS BOARD OF MANITOBA

MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SURFACE RIGHTS ACT

THE HONOURABLE J. PENNER

THE BOARD

MR. R.T. SMITH	PRESIDING MEMBER
MR. CROMER ASHCROFT	DEPUTY PRESIDING MEMBER
MR. THOMAS ARTHUR COWAN	MEMBER
MRS. GENEVA CHIPELSKI	MEMBER
MR. IVAN CAREY	MEMBER

COUNSEL

MR. NEVILLE D. SHENDE, Q.C.	BOARD SOLICITOR

THE STAFF

MR. BRYAN SHERIDAN	SECRETARY TO THE BOARD

THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF BOARD MEMBERS

The Act provides for the Surface Rights Board and empowers the Board to administer and enforce The Act. The Board is presently composed of five Members, one of whom is the Presiding Member and another who is designated the Deputy Presiding Member.

Members are appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council and represent various geographic, social and economic sectors of the province.

In discharging its responsibility for administration of The Act, the Board may:

(a) Hold sittings from time to time at such times and places in the province as it may deem expedient;

(b) Enter upon and inspect or authorize any Member of the Board or other person to enter upon and inspect any place, building, works or other property directly or indirectly involved in any matter before the Board;

(c) Appoint, or direct, to inquire into and report upon, any matter before the Board. The Members are not full time Board Members, but are paid on a per diem basis.

THE PURPOSE OF THE SURFACE RIGHTS ACT

The Surface Rights Act was proclaimed to be in force August 9, 1983.

The purposes of The Act are:

(a) To provide for a comprehensive procedure for acquiring and utilizing surface rights;

(b) To provide for the payment of just and equitable compensation for the acquisition and utilization of surface rights.

(c) To provide for the maintenance, preservation and restoration of the surface of land acquired in connection with surface rights.

(d) To provide for the resolution of disputes between operators, occupants, and owners arising from the entry upon, use or restoration of the surface of the land.

POWERS OF THE BOARD

Fulfilling its mandate to provide for the concerns of both landowners and the oil industry in Manitoba, the Board is empowered to:

(a) Administer and enforce the Act and the regulations;

(b) Carry out surveys and research programs and obtain statistics for the purposes of the Board.

(c) Conduct hearings and investigations and determine and prescribe the scope thereof;

(d) Require any person to submit to it such returns in such form as it may require.

(e) Prohibit or require the doing of any act by any of the parties to an application which is before the Board.

(f) Provide mediation services upon the request of a party to a dispute concerning surface rights.

BOARD ACTIVITY 1988/89

(April 1/88 - March 31/89)

Signed Agreements		
Registered leases brought forward	1032	
Registered leases 1988/89	68	
Carried forward	1100	1100
Review of Compensation Applications		
Applications brought forward	1	
Applications 1988/89	38	
Settled 1988/89	10	
Carried forward	29	29
Right of Entry Applications		
Applications brought forward	* 1	
Applications 1988/89	13	
Settled 1988/89	13	
*Carried forward	10	*10
Damage Claims (Tortious Acts)		
Applications brought forward	2	
Applications 1988/89	0	
Settled 1988/89	0	
Carried forward	2	2
Abandonment Notices		
Notices brought forward	31	
Closed 1988/89	31	
**Carried forward	0	**0
Other Applications:		
Termination of Board Order		
Applications brought forward	2	
Applications 1988/89	0	
Settled 1988/89	0	
Carried forward	2	2
Absentee Mineral Rights Owner		
Applications brought forward	3	
Applications 1988/89	0	
Settled 1988/89	3	
Carried forward	0	0

BOARD ACTIVITY 1988/89 cont'd.

Application for Abandonment Order		
Applications brought forward	6	
Applications 1988/89	1	
Settled 1988/89	7	
Carried forward	0	**0**
Board Orders Issued		**19**

* ROE granted for 9 applications; final compensation to be determined.

** Change in legislation.

FIVE YEAR ACTIVITY SUMMARY **Year Ended March 31**

	1988	1987	1986	1985	1984
Signed Agreements	68	156	74	92	67
Applications					
- Review of Compensation	38	29	8	90	48
- Right-of-Entry	13	5	4	28	19
- Damage (Tortious Acts)	0	1	1	4	1
- Termination of Board Order	0	0	8	0	0
- Absentee Mineral Rights Owner	0	0	3	0	0
- Application for Abandonment Order	1	9	3	0	0
Board Orders Issued	19	48	51	37	32

BOARD ORDERS

In the fiscal year 1988/89, the Surface Rights Board issued a total of 19 Board Orders.

BOARD ORDERS ISSUED 1988/89

Applicant	Particulars	File Number	Order Number	Date Issued	Decision of Board
ICG	Abandonment	389-87-A	76/88	Apr. 26/88	Granted
Enron	Abandonment	384-87-A	77/88	Apr. 26/88	Granted
O.G. Slater	Review	391-87-A	78/88	July 6/88	$788 & costs
Omega	Right-of-Entry	412-88-A	79/88	Aug. 2/88	Granted
Omega	Right-of-Entry	416-88-A	80/88	Aug. 26/88	Granted
Omega	Right-of-Entry	413-88-A	81/88	Aug. 31/88	Granted
Omega	Right-of-Entry	414-88-A	82/88	Aug. 31/88	Granted
Omega	Right-of-Entry	425-88-A	83/88	Oct. 12/88	Granted
Omega	Right-of-Entry	426-88-A	84/88	Oct. 12/88	Granted
Omega	Right-of-Entry	427-88-A	85/88	Oct. 12/88	Granted
Omega	Review	418-88-A	86/88	Dec. 19/88	$1588 & costs
Omega	Review	419-88-A	87/88	Dec. 19/88	$2059 & costs
Omega	Review	420-88-A	88/88	Dec. 19/88	$1762 & costs
Omega	Review	421-88-A	89/88	Dec. 19/88	$2503 & costs
Omega	Review	422-88-A	90/88	Dec. 19/88	$2041 & costs
Omega	Review	423-88-A	91/88	Dec. 19/88	$1687 & costs
Omega	Review	424-88-A	92/88	Dec. 19/88	$2396 & costs

Applicant	Particulars	File Number	Order Number	Date Issued	Decision of Board
Omega	Review	417-88-A	93/88	Dec. 19/88	$1804 & costs
Omega	Right-of-Entry	436-88-A	1/89	Feb. 24/89	Granted